



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00,450)

PATENT

In re Application of: Polverino et al.)

Serial No.: 09/599,087)

Filed: June 21, 2000)

For: Secreted Epithelial Colon Stromal-1)
Molecules and Uses Thereof)

Before the Examiner: S. Rawlings

Group Art Unit: 1642

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 9, 2001

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed August 9, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising:

- (a) the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4;
- (b) the nucleotide sequence of the DNA insert in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-1755;
- (c) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5; or
- (d) a nucleotide sequence complementary to any of (a) - (c).

2. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a region of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 or the DNA insert in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-1755 encoding a